



WINTER 2004

Forty-third Commencement

10 o'clock a.m. • Saturday • December 18, 2004 • Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation

Dr. Pat Lipira
Head, Department of Kinesiology, School of Education

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Julio S. León
President, Missouri Southern State University

Address

Marilyn Ruestman
Missouri State Representative

Presentation of Class

Dr. Richard J. McCallum
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks

Dr. Nii Abrahams
President Elect, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Benediction

Dr. Pat Lipira

Recessional "Sine Nomine"

R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter

Mary Zustiak

Please remain seated until recessional is completed.

About the Speaker



MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARILYN RUESTMAN

Representative Marilyn Ruestman, represents part of Newton and McDonald counties (District 131) in the House of Representatives. She was elected to the House in November 2002 and re-elected in November 2004.

She was elected treasurer of the freshman class of the 92nd General Assembly, president of the Women Legislators of Missouri, appointed to the Missouri Women's Council, and selected legislator of the year by the Missouri Bar Association. In November 2004, Representative Ruestman was elected Caucus Secretary for the House of Representatives, making her a member on the Leadership Team.

In addition to her legislative duties, Representative Ruestman is co-owner of Ruestman Development Company. Prior to being elected she served as district coordinator for U.S. Congressman Mel Hancock and as district director for Missouri State Senator Marvin Singleton.

Representative Ruestman attends First United Methodist Church. She served as Republican state committeewoman. She has also served as president of the following civic organizations: Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce; Soroptimist International of Joplin, Metro Exchange Club; The Boys and Girls Club of Joplin, and Joplin Federated Republican Women.

A recipient of the Woman of the Year from the Missouri Federated Republican Women, Representative Ruestman has also received the following awards: Woman of Distinction from Soroptimist International, Missouri State Volunteer Project of the Year; and was a national winner for Students in Free Enterprise competition. She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

A graduate of Noel High School, Representative Ruestman has received an associate of arts Degree from Joplin Junior College, bachelor's degree from Missouri Southern State University, and master's degree from Pittsburg State University.

Representative Ruestman lives in Newton County. She and her husband, Richard, have three children, Peter, Pamela and Morgan and two granddaughters.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Campbell, Thomas P
Eck, Therese Agnes††

Essley, Lisa Marie
Harlow, Amanda Nicole

Head, Stefany Ranae
Smith, Cameron Lee†

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 3.89

Aichele, Veronica Suzanne
Brand, Judith M.
Do, Hoang Thai

Fukumoto, Yuri
Glasco, Derrick Michael†
Lunceford, Myla J.

Moore, Ruthie Captola
Schuberger, Heather Jolene

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 3.79

Aldrighetti, Melissa Marie
Baldwin, Sudy L.
Berry, Sarah Lynn
Clark, Brenda E.
Cottrell, Grant Matthew

Fick, Lauren Nicole
Gayman, Jonathan Seth
Hewlett, Lisa M.
Kew, Sonya Michelle
Koester, Natalie Marie

Salkil, Amnisty Dawn
Scott, Lori
Watts, Tara Renae
Wilson, Julie Lyn

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Boothe III, Erwin Arevine
Ehernberger, Assunta Marie ‡

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 3.89

Ainsworth, Cary R.

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 .379

Hall, Angela L.
Nauta, Kathleen Ann
Stout, Irina A.

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Ayala, Holly Danielle

Spanish
Independence, KS

Bounous, Kasandra Leigh

History
Monett

Boyd, Karena Denise

English
Carthage

Butler, Jennifer Renea

Communication
Joplin

Campbell III, Walter Scott

Art
Carthage

Clements, Linda Kay

Art
Joplin

Cook, Jeremiah Lanz

Communication
Joplin

Cottrell, Grant Matthew

Art
Carthage

Divine, Aaron Pritchard

History
Joplin

Dugdale, Jeffrey N.

Spanish
Salt Lake City, UT

Fiedler, Elizabeth Kathleen

Art
Joplin

Fleshman, Krystal Lynn

English
Unionville

Foster, Daryl Thomas

Music
Webb City

Gayman, Jonathan Seth

Music
Schell City

Gipson, Frank Ross

English
Carthage

Godsey, Sarah M.

Spanish
Joplin

Gowen, Christina Michelle

Political Science
Carl Junction

Henry, Mica R.

Political Science
Joplin

Hicks, Cynthia Diane

Sociology
Joplin

Himmelsbach, Vincent M.

History
Neosho

Hughes, Ryan Paul

Communication
Joplin

Johnson, Stormi D.

History
Granby

Kline, Katrina Kay

Chemistry
Seneca

Konstanzer, Lyda Melissa

Art
Mt. Vernon

Lukunka, Barbra Nzama

International Studies
Zambia

Meeker, Bethany M.

English
Joplin

Miller, Jr., Bill R.

Chemistry
Nevada

Moss, Robert Eugene

Communication
Carl Junction

Murphy, Susie

Communication
Neosho

Nunley, Amanda Kay

Political Science
Cassville

Oehlschlager, Virginia Anne

Communication
Mt. Vernon

Overdeer, Danny Clark

Spanish
Joplin

Pawlus, Kimberly Ann

Communication
Webb City

Ray, Melissa LeAnn

Political Science
Joplin

Rosado, Robin Leigh

Sociology
Carl Junction

Scott, Lori

Communication
Joplin

Shirk, Morgan Miquette

Chemistry
Joplin

Smith, Kristen Michelle

Communication
Jefferson City

Thompson, Kathryn May

English
Joplin

Wallace, David VanKirk

Music
Webb City

Wood, Darcy Briana

English
Carthage

Zajdel, Nicole Marie

Theatre
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Aldrichetti, Melissa Marie

Sociology
Joplin

Altheide, Travis Steven

Biology
Joplin

Bowles, Holly Jean

Mathematics
Sarcoxie

Burpo, Ryan Dean

Mathematics
Oronogo

Campbell, Thomas P.

Computational Mathematics
Neosho

Craig, Phyllis Allene

Sociology
Webb City

Darr, Heather Louise

Biology
Miami, OK

Davis, Brandon D. †

Biology
Monett

Eck, Therese Agnes ‡†

Biology
Sarcoxie

Fukumoto, Yuri

Biology
Yokohama, Japan

Glasco, Derrick Michael †

Biology
Nevada

Good, Bethany Nicole

Sociology
Nevada

Henson, James Van

Physics
Joplin

Herbert, Christy Lane

Biology
Seneca

Holt, John Dylan

Biology
Carterville

Hunter, Daniel E.

Sociology
Independence

Koester, Natalie Marie

Biology
Joplin

McLaughlin, Daryl G.

Sociology
Joplin

Meyer, Morgan Elizabeth

Sociology
Joplin

Parrigon, Christopher Robert

Environmental Health
Joplin

Smith, Cameron Lee †

Biology
Baxter Springs, KS

Smith, Jana Lynn

Sociology
Nevada

Smith, Jared Richard

Sociology
Rogers, AR

Stewart, Justin Michael

Biology
Neosho

Todd, Edith Ellen Epple

Environmental Health
Lamar

VanWinkle, Matthew D.

Mathematics
Neosho

Wilson, Sara DeAnne

Sociology
Carl Junction

Wyrick, Anastasia D.

Biology
Oronogo

Associate Degrees

Grade Point Average 3.00 - 3.29

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Fourth Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 - 3.99

Fifth Honors

Grade Point Average 4.00 - 4.00

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science

Flatter, Jason Kent
Management Technology
Carl Junction

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adams, Jennifer Marie
Marketing/Management
Powell

Alumbaugh, Pedren Bynum
Finance and Economics
Carthage

Bacon, Michael W.
Finance and Economics
Neosho

Balster, Christie M.
Management
Jasper

Baptiste, Bronti A.M.
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Barber, Paul Heath
Management
Phillipsburg

Bates, Andrew
Management
Jasper

Belew, Jamie Lynn
Management
Appleton City

Best, Brenda Kay
Accounting
Vinita, OK

Brathwaite, Bernadette Naomi
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Bryant, Elisa L
Marketing
Joplin

Burrow, Brandon Kyle
Marketing
Webb City

Catanzaro, Jr., Mark Patrick
Finance and Economics
St. Louis

Charles, Delight
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Clay, Nathan
Management
Cherryvale, KS

Clemons, Bessy Marie
Accounting
Joplin

Cupp, Karen Lee
Management
Joplin

Davies, Amoret P.
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Dawson, Lucia J.
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Do, Hoang Thai
International Business
Garden Grove, CA

Ellis, Mitsy Jamelle
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Evans, Phyllis A.
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Fahie, Lorna R.
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Farrington, Cleave Michael
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Faucett, Gavin Sky
Management
Carthage

Franks, Karen Lane
Marketing/Management
Jasper

Freeman, Shannon Ray
Marketing
Jefferson City

Harlow, Amanda Nicole
Accounting
Mountain View

Harrold, Erica Lynne
General Business
Diamond

Hartner, Christine Louise
Accounting
Diamond

Hasty, Sandra Kay
International Business
Overland Park, KS

Hess, Samuel August
General Business
Carthage

Hill, Brandon Lee
Management
Sand Springs, OK

Hull, Julie Jo
Management
Lanagan

Hummel, Krissy Dawn
Management
Webb City

Hunt, Dustin Michael
International Business
Joplin

Irwin, Ruby Merlene Ingalls
Accounting
Lamar

Jacob II, Matthew C.
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Jinks, Andrew Dale
Finance and Economics
Diamond

Johnson, Elizabeth A.
Management
Corning, AR

Johnston, Matthew Nicholas
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Keen, Amber Jayleen
General Business
Cassville

Lais, Sarah Meghan
Marketing
Joplin

Leacock-Thomas, Yvonne
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Lunceford, Myla J.
Accounting/Finance and Economics
Joplin

Major, Matthew Ray
Finance and Economics
Neosho

McCoy, Yolanda M.
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

McDaniel, Karen Anderson
Accounting
Carthage

Morgan, Jessica Catherine
Accounting/General Business
Anderson

Morrison-Jones, Maureen
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Parker, Adam Ryan
Management
Joplin

Parker, Sabrina A.
General Business
Springfield

Patterson, Michelle Sher're
Finance and Economics/Marketing
Miami, OK

Perrin, Patrick
Management
Sarcoxie

Pierce, Amy Lynn
Accounting/Finance and Economics
Pierce City

Potter, Esther Lurena
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Proctor, Nathaniel
Finance and Economics
Olathe, KS

Proctor, Nicholas
General Business
Olathe, KS

Randles, Mitchell David
Management
Joplin

Reding, Donna Renee
General Business
Neosho

Romney, Ashmore Earnest
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Rumbos, Gustavo Adolfo
International Business
Venezuela

Ruscha, Adam Justin
Management
El Dorado Springs

Salkil, Amnistry Dawn
Accounting
Enid, OK

Salway, Celestine
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Schiller, Kevin Michael
Management
Webb City

Sesler, Sherry Lee
General Business
Joplin

Sharp, Toni Marie
General Business
Duenweg

Sill, Amanda Joleen
General Business
Loveland, CO

Silva, Lucas Artur Escórcio Pereira E
International Business
Teresina-Piaui, Brazil

Smith, Lindsay Gail †
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Solomon, Agnita
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Tandy, Carmen Marie
Accounting
Joplin

Tignor, Jeremy Ray
Management
Joplin

Tyner, Mariah Charly
General Business
Commerce, OK

Walker, Shara
Accounting/Management
Webb City

Williams, Matthew Wayne
Marketing/Management
Joplin

Willis, Catherine M.
Management
Bronaugh

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Courtney, Chastity R.
Psychology
Neosho

Judd, Sarah Ann
Psychology
Neosho

Osborn, Teresa Lynnette
Psychology
Carthage

Swanson, Rachel Ann
Psychology
Granby

Bachelor of Science

Bauch, Jon R.

Psychology
Blue Springs

Dobler, Lance A.

Psychology
Pierce City

Hamersley, Tabitha Jo

Psychology
Sheldon

Jones, Alisha Marie

Psychology
Reeds

Mahan, Stacie

Psychology
Neosho

Overman, Katherine Renee

Psychology
Columbus, KS

Pendleton, Micha Marie

Psychology
Mt. Vernon

Pogue, Sarah Nicole

Health Promotion and Wellness
Neosho

Watts, Tara Renae

Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science in Education

Berry, Sarah Lynn

Elementary Education
Webb City

Bormann, Jennifer L.

Elementary Education
Republic

Boyer, Holly D.

Art Education
Noel

Branscum, Anthony Mark

Physical Education
Neosho

Brattin, Tricia Mary

Elementary Education
Carthage

Broglio, Ellen L.

English Education
Joplin

Brown, April D.

Elementary Education
Monett

Carey, Jennifer Kay

Elementary Education
Joplin

Carrier, Pamela Jo

Elementary Education
Joplin

Cashel, Chelsey Ann Dorothy

Physical Education
Neosho

Choate, Sandra Pauline

Elementary Education
Fairview

Christensen, Travis D.

Theatre/Speech Communication Education
Neosho

Clark, Brenda E.

Elementary Education
Joplin

Clark, Susan Elizabeth

Elementary Education
Kansas City

Cox, Ashley Renee

Elementary Education
Joplin

Davis, Holly Rae

Elementary Education
Bentonville, AR

DeGruson, Carry Stewart

Theatre/Speech Communication Education
Joplin

Dillard, Jennifer Lynne

Elementary Education
Joplin

Divine, Kelli Diane

Middle School Education
Lamar

Dudley, Marjorie Michele

Elementary Education
Joplin

Elmer, Joshua Michael

Physical Education
Fairland, OK

Engleman, Joy Renee

Elementary Education
Joplin

Essley, Lisa Marie

Middle School Education
Cassville

Estep, Stacey Lynne

Elementary Education
Mountain Grove

Fick, Lauren Nicole

Elementary Education
Columbia

Flowers, Susan Barlet

Physical Education
Joplin

Fox, Jennifer Lynn

Elementary Education
Fair Play

Grimmett, Bethany Michelle

Elementary Education
Webb City

Head, Stefany Ranae

English Education
Webb City

Heffner, Gary Steven

Middle School Education
Webb City

Hewlett, Lisa M.

Art Education
Bella Vista, AR

Hinman, Carmi L.

Elementary Education
Webb City

Jackson, Darlene Kate

Elementary Education
Webb City

Johnson, Robert Seth

Physical Education
Neosho

Kew, Sonya Michelle

Elementary Education
Carthage

Kuhler, Stephanie Rae

Art Education
Duenweg

Lanz, Emalie Elaine

Elementary Education
Liberal

Lee, Kelsey Jo

Elementary Education
Neosho

Love, Misty Michelle

Elementary Education
Webb City

Lowrance, Brooke Elizabeth

Elementary Education
Joplin

McCaffrey, Julie Annette

Elementary Education
Joplin

McNaught, John Lee

Middle School Education
Cassville

Millican, Becky Lynn

Elementary Education
Springfield

Moore, Ruthie Captola

Elementary Education
Dennis, KS

Moser, Brenten Brooks*Physical Education*
Joplin**Moss, Gala***Elementary Education*
Saginaw**Mutert, Kimberly Ann***Physical Education*
Washington**Myers, Jennifer Ann***Elementary Education*
Pomona**Myers, Kerri Lynn***Elementary Education*
Nevada**Norman, DaNae Janice***Elementary Education*
El Dorado Springs**Palmer, John Charles***Elementary Education*
Pierce City**Phillips, Victoria Lynn***Art Education*
Neosho**Pierce, Brooke Annette***Middle School Education*
Joplin**Ragsdale, Scott Aaron***Business Education*
Oronogo**Rapp, Ryan Jennings***Physical Education*
Rockville**Ross, Hillary Nicole***Business Education*
Clubb**Russell, Coral Linn***Elementary Education*
Joplin**Shepherd, Scott Spencer***Spanish Education*
Joplin**Sherrrell, Shonna Michelle***Physical Education*
Joplin**Shuls, James Virgil***Elementary Education*
Villa Ridge**Smith, Jennifer R.***English Education*
Joplin**Smith, John W.***Elementary Education/Middle
School Education*
Nevada**Spiering, Zachary Eric***Social Science Education*
Joplin**Staat, Carolyn Renee***Middle School Education*
St. Louis**Stebbins, Laurel Brock***Elementary Education*
Carl Junction**Testman, Michelle Rene***Elementary Education*
Carl Junction**Timbrel, Kenneth Raymond***Elementary Education*
Joplin**Trombley, Adria Lee***Elementary Education*
Duenweg**Watt, Anna Becky***Unified Science Biology Education*
Joplin**Wilson, Sean Kevin***Elementary Education*
Neosho

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Baldwin, Kris Allen*Criminal Justice Administration*
Neosho**Barnes, Shane Allen***Criminal Justice Administration*
Miami, OK**Belcher, Brian J.***Computer Information Science*
Miami, OK**Braden, Joshua Ryan***Computer Information Science*
Pittsburg, KS**Brigman, Jr., Doyle Stanley***Computer Information Science*
Aurora**Burrow, Stephanie Jo***Criminal Justice Administration*
Parsons, KS**Campbell, Thomas P.***Computer Information Science*
Neosho**Christiansen, Paige Lauren***Criminal Justice Administration*
Pittsburg, KS**Claussen, Joshua Lucas***Computer Information Science*
Joplin**Cottle, James Patrick***Computer Information Science*
Cassville**Donham, Crystal Kaye***Criminal Justice Administration*
Webb City**Dugdale, Jeffrey N.***Computer Information Science*
Salt Lake City, UT**Garoutte, Valerie Mae***Criminal Justice Administration*
Aurora**Haase, Justin Lee***Criminal Justice Administration*
Carl Junction**Heiskell, Dustin Lane***Criminal Justice Administration*
Golden City**Hockensmith, Heidi Leigh***Criminal Justice Administration*
Blue Springs**Jensen, Jeremy D.***Computer Information Science*
Monett**Johnson, Josh Edward***Criminal Justice Administration*
Joplin**Kent, Jason M.***Criminal Justice Administration*
Joplin**Kinder, Clint Lee***Criminal Justice Administration*
Joplin

Koenig, Gary J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Pierce City

Larson, Katherine Anne
Criminal Justice Administration
Timpson, TX

Lazarus, Richard
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Lindsey, Darren Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Maute, Kristin Lee Ann
Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Mays, Brian D.
Computer Information Science
Carl Junction

Miller, Bruce Gaylord
Computer Information Science
Colville, WA

Musselman, Jessica E.
Criminal Justice Administration
Anderson, IN

O'Sullivan III, Thomas Marshall
Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Patterson, Kevin E.
Computer Information Science
Duenweg

Pendleton, Patrick J.
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Roark, Justin Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
S. Greenfield

Schuberger, Heather Jolene
Criminal Justice Administration
Columbus, KS

Talley, Brian Avery
Management Technology (MIMS)
Carthage

Thogmartin, Robert Thomas
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Torres, Natalie Anne
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Wilson, Julie Lyn
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Bachelor of General Studies

Aichele, Veronica Suzanne
General Studies
Springfield

Baldwin, Sudy L.
General Studies
Joplin

Bauer, Rebecca Dawn
General Studies
Verona

Bilke, Randy Joe
General Studies
Grove, OK

Boessen, Kimberly Marie
General Studies
Joplin

Keister, Mark Jonathan
General Studies
Piedmont

Miller, Titia Frances Kaye
General Studies
Joplin

Morris, Jennifer Lynn
General Studies
Joplin

Reed, Sarah Elizabeth
General Studies
Joplin

Reeves, Rebecca Sue
General Studies
Picher, OK

Sommerer, Brian Gene
General Studies
Stockton

Wuch, Andrew John
General Studies
Joplin

Associate of Arts

Anderson, Alan David

General Studies
Carthage

Bard, Karen Kristine

General Studies
Joplin

Goddard, Earl Wayne

General Studies
Duenweg

Hall, Angela L

General Studies
Seneca

Kuhler, Stephanie Rae

General Studies
Duenweg

McLaughlin-Smith, Stephanie Dawn

General Studies
Webb City

Metcalfe, Bonnie D.

General Studies
Goodman

Metcalfe, Robert F.

General Studies
Goodman

Obermann, Jennifer Dawn

General Studies
Joplin

Schooler, Jamie Lorene

General Studies
Neosho

Wooden, Angela V.

General Studies
Joplin

Associate of Science

Ainsworth, Cary R.

General Business
Joplin

Barr, Katrina Danielle

Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Boothe III, Erwin Arevine

General Business
Joplin

Braden, Joshua Ryan

Computer Information Science
Pittsburg, KS

Bright, Summer Coleen

Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

Casey, Kathy L.

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Chrisman, Melinda Faye

Respiratory Therapy
Sarcoxie

Claussen, Joshua Lucas

Computer Information Science
Joplin

Cline, Maria Elizabeth

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Eaton, Joseph Neil

Law Enforcement
Monett

Ehernberger, Assunta Marie ‡

General Business
Joplin

Ellis, Robert Wesley

Respiratory Therapy
Southwest City

Engelage, Jonas Monroe

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Gerstner, Brigitte Cheree

Respiratory Therapy
Healy, KS

Goforth, Reagan Leigh

Respiratory Therapy
Miami, OK

Greer, Ryan T.N.

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Gullett, Jason Neil

Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Joplin

Hines, Carol Elaine

Respiratory Therapy
Oronogo

Hockensmith, Heidi Leigh

Law Enforcement
Blue Springs

Jennings II, Kenneth E.

Computer Information Science
Bourbon

Jensen, Jeremy D.

Computer Information Science
Monett

Johnson, Josh Edward

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Keeter, Mallory Ruth

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Kennedy, Charles E.

Computer Assisted
Manufacturing Technology
Carl Junction

Kent, Jason M.

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Kracman, Christopher J.

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Mann, Kylee Jo

Respiratory Therapy
Moran, KS

Maute, Kristin Lee Ann

Law Enforcement
Miami, OK

Mays, Brian D.

Computer Information Science
Carl Junction

McCleary, Sara Christine

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Metcalfe, Jesse Ryan

Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Carthage

Moss, Cynthia J.

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Nauta, Kathleen Ann

Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Niebaum, William Lucas

Computer Assisted
Manufacturing Technology
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Camdenton

Ortiz, Toni Gail

Respiratory Therapy
Overland Park, KS

Pendleton, Patrick J.

Computer Information Science
Joplin

Schuburger, Heather Jolene

Law Enforcement
Columbus, KS

Shellenbarger, Michelle Dawn

Respiratory Therapy
Duenweg

Slawinski, Kristine Marie

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Smith, Ramona I.
Accounting
Lamar

Sprenger, Paula S.
Respiratory Therapy
Neosho

Stout, Irina A.
Accounting
Reeds

Tange-Riner, Christy Ann
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Thomas, Adam Gregory
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Stockton

Thornton, Stephanie Lynn
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Webb, David D.
Computer Assisted
Manufacturing Technology
Carthage

Whitfield, Lori Cameron
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Wilson, Julie Lyn
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

Our Mission

Missouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will.

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri,
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual dress of the time for both clergymen and laymen was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars generally wore a hood which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars generally wore a hood which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars generally wore a hood which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day.

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The caps are always black with a dark band for baccalaureate degree, and a band of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a band of metallic gold color.

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